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## Verlaine Variations

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**Paul Verlaine**  
**Chant d'Automne**

Les sanglots longs  
Des violons  
De l'automne  
Blessent mon coeur  
D'une langueur  
Monotone.

Tout suffocant  
Et blême, quand  
Sonne l'heure,  
Je me souviens  
Des jours anciens  
Et je pleure

Et je m'en vais  
Au vent mauvais  
Qui m'emporte  
Deçà, delà,  
Pareil à la  
Feuille morte.

**Chanted Autumn**

Less sandlots longing  
desk violins  
deal autumns  
blessed moon cover  
languishing dune  
monotonous.

Trout suffocate  
and blemish, quandary  
sunning hours,  
I am a mess of souvenirs  
anciently sojourned  
as I rain.

I mend the vase and  
vent the marvel  
which is an important  
decal, delta,  
parallel to our  
futile deaths.

### **Chant To Autumn**

Less sighing longing  
desk violins  
deal autumns' song  
drowned moon cover  
blessed heart cover  
drowned moon heart  
slow dune  
long and monotonous.

Pale trout suffocate  
Trout-pain  
breath's blemish, quandary  
and breath, fails  
deep hours,  
I am a mess of thoughts  
I recover souvenirs  
ancient days  
weeping rain.

I mend the vase and  
the winds marvel  
which is an important  
broken and important  
which is briefly a  
decal, delta,  
parallel to our  
windblown leaf  
futile deaths.

## **The Chanted Autumn**

The less the sighing the longing  
the desk violins  
the deal the autumns the song  
the drowned moon the cover  
the blessed the heart the cover  
the drowned the moon heart  
the slow dune  
the long and the monotonous.

The pale the trout suffocate  
the trout-pain  
the breath the blemish, the quandary  
and the breath, fails  
the deep the hours,  
I am a mess of thoughts  
I recover the souvenirs  
the ancient the days  
the weeping the rain.

I mend the the vase and  
the the winds the marvel  
which is an important  
the broken and the important  
which is briefly a  
decal, the delta,  
the parallel to our  
windblown leaf  
the wind the blown the leaf  
the futile deaths.

## **Enchanted Autumn**

The longless sandlots  
of the violin dusks  
off-autumn  
blessed hurt  
my moonheartcover  
languishing with  
a seamless dune.

Stifle the trout  
in pails of wind  
with hourly sounds,  
remember the mess of souvenirs  
once anciently sojourned  
under a crying sky.

I let the vase go with  
evil live wind  
which is carrying  
the decal here, the delta there,  
parallel to a dead  
leaf.

## **hante utum**

longless  
the violin

seamless.

the  
pails of  
hourly,

the mess of  
anciently  
a crying.

let the vase go  
live  
is

decal here, the delta,  
to a  
leaf.

### **ant tu**

sandlots  
moon

blemish,  
am a mess of  
I.

mend the vase

parallel to  
death.

### **Autonomous Chant**

The sand angels glut along  
deserted violence  
autonomous delta  
blessing the curved moon's scent  
in dunce language  
monotones.

Touched cuffs slant  
the blameless, wand  
ering sunflower,  
I am a survivor

of the old days  
in the rain

eaten by envious  
avant-mauve  
who quiver away  
in port deca  
dance, delicate  
peril of the  
Peuille worte.

### **Harried Chant**

With sand angels glut along  
deserted long violence  
autonomous delta sobs  
blessing the curved the violin moon's scent  
in dunc language throbs  
autumn monotones.

Touched sound cuffs slant  
the blameless choking, wand  
ering and pale sunflower,  
I am a wind survivor  
of the old days I mind  
the tale in the rain

eaten the hours by envious  
avant-keep my mauve  
memories who quiver away  
in stray ports deca  
dance, delicate down  
other perils of the  
weeping leaf.

## **Parallel Chant**

With sand angels glut longless  
deserted the violin violence  
autonomous delta seamless  
blessing the curved the pails of scent  
in dunce hourly throbs  
the mess of monotones.

Touched sound anciently slant  
the blameless choking, crying  
and pale let the vase go,  
I am a live survivor  
of the old days I decal here, the delta,  
the tale to a leaf.

Eaten the hours by sandlots  
avant-keep my moon  
memories who blemish away  
in a stray mess I  
dance, mend the delicate vase,  
other perils parallel to  
the death leaf.

## **Autumn Chanted Autumn**

Autumn less Autumn sighing Autumn longing  
Autumn desk violins  
Autumn deal Autumn autumns Autumn song  
Autumn drowned moon Autumn cover  
Autumn blessed Autumn heart Autumn cover  
Autumn drowned Autumn moon heart  
Autumn slow dune  
Autumn long and Autumn monotonous.

Autumn pale Autumn trout suffocate  
Autumn trout-pain  
Autumn breath Autumn blemish, Autumn quandary  
and Autumn breath, fails



Autumn deep Autumn hours,  
I am a mess of thoughts  
I recover Autumn souvenirs  
Autumn ancient Autumn days  
Autumn weeping Autumn rain.

I mend Autumn Autumn vase and  
Autumn Autumn winds Autumn marvel  
which is an important  
Autumn broken and Autumn important  
which is briefly a  
decal, Autumn delta,  
Autumn parallel to our  
windblown leaf  
Autumn wind Autumn blown Autumn leaf  
Autumn futile deaths.

### **The death leaf**

With sand angels glut longless  
deserted the violin violence  
autonomous delta seamless  
blessing the curved the pails of scent  
in dunces hourly throbs  
the death leaf.

With sand angels glut longless  
the blameless choking, crying  
and pale let the vase go,  
blessing the curved the pails of scent  
of the old days I decal here, the delta,  
the death leaf.

With sand angels glut longless  
avant-keep my moon  
memories who blemish away  
blessing the curved the pails of scent,  
dance, mend the delicate vase,  
other perils parallel to  
the death leaf.

## **death**

sand angels glut  
the violin  
delta  
the curved the pails of  
dunce hourly  
death.

sand angels glut  
blameless choking,  
pale let the vase,  
the curved the pails of  
the old days I decal here, the  
death.

sand angels glut  
keep my  
who blemish  
the curved the pails of  
mend the delicate,  
perils parallel  
death.

## **eat**

angels  
curved the pails  
dunce hourly

angels  
let the  
curved the pails

old days I decal here,  
angels  
curved the pails

the,

## **An Autumn Song**

The griddle tongs  
lob out their gongs  
to autumn's koan,  
foundling my heat  
with liquid darts  
in monotone.

Chafing and pole  
wind without mail  
the sour tills creep,  
I blink at pasts  
of cold days pest  
and I sleep...

And I get sense  
in the violin wince  
of wine belief  
higher than young,  
fever at noon  
like a bread loaf.

## **Autumn**

griddle tongs  
out their gongs  
autumn's koan,  
my heat  
liquid darts  
monotone  
and pole  
without mail  
sour tills creep,  
blink at pasts  
cold days pest

I sleep...  
I get sense  
the violin wince  
wine belief  
than young,  
at noon  
a bread loaf.

## **Song**

griddle  
out their  
autumn's  
my  
liquid  
and pole  
without  
sour tills  
blink at  
cold days  
I ...  
I get  
the violin  
wine  
than  
at  
a bread.

## Another Song

riddle

out their  
autumn's  
myth  
liquid  
and pile  
without  
our ills  
link at  
old days  
I ...

I get

the viol  
vine  
thin  
as  
a read.

## I am a mess of thoughts

Less sighing longing futile deaths.  
desk violins parallel to our  
deal autumns' song which is briefly a  
drowned moon cover which is an important  
blessed heart cover I mend the vase and  
drowned moon heart weeping rain.  
slow dune I recover souvenirs  
long and monotonous.

Pale trout suffocate windblown leaf  
Trout-pain decal, delta,  
breath's blemish, quandary broken and important  
and breath, fails the winds marvel  
deep hours, ancient days I am a mess of thoughts

### **Trout suffocate under a crying sky**

Less sandlots longing leaf  
desk violins parallel to a dead  
deal autumns the decal here, the delta there,  
blessed moon cover which is carrying  
languishing dune evil live wind  
monotonous I let the vase go with

Trout suffocate under a crying sky  
and blemish, quandary once anciently sojourned  
sunning hours, remember the mess of souvenirs  
I am a mess of souvenirs with hourly sounds,  
anciently sojourned in pails of wind  
as I rain Stifle the trout

I mend the vase and a seamless dune  
vent the marvel languishing with  
which is an important my moonheartcover  
decal, delta, blessed hurt  
parallel to our off-autumn The longless sandlots  
futile deaths of the violin dusks

### **Remember the mess of souvenirs**

Less sandlots longing The longless sandlots  
desk violins of the violin dusks  
deal autumns off-autumn  
blessed moon cover blessed hurt  
languishing dune my moonheartcover  
monotonous languishing with  
a seamless dune.

Stifle the trout Trout suffocate  
in pails of wind and blemish, quandary  
with hourly sounds, sunning hours,  
remember the mess of souvenirs I am a mess of souvenirs

once anciently sojourned anciently sojourned  
under a crying sky as I rain.

I mend the vase and I let the vase go with  
vent the marvel evil live wind  
which is an important which is carrying  
decal, delta, the decal here, the delta there,  
parallel to our parallel to a dead  
futile deaths leaf.

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